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## GREAT PATRIOTIC DEMONSTRATION

OPERA HOUSE CROWDED TO CAPACITY FOR THE BIG MASS MEETING LAST FRIDAY NIGHT.

## DISTINGUISHED SPEAKERS

Held Close Attention of Great Audience While Patriotic Selections by Band and Vocalists Inspired the Hearts of Every One.

The Patriotic Mass Meeting at the Opera House last Friday night was all and more than had been anticipated. The building was packed to the limit, and the patriotic addresses and enthusiasm manifested was enough to inspire the most ardent Pacifist in the land.

Before the meeting the Paw Paw Volunteer company headed by the band with the G. A. R. in the position of honor in the line, marched through the streets and then to the Opera House. The G. A. R. were seated on the stage while the center section was reserved for the company. The Opera House was beautifully decorated with American flags, while at the back of the stage hung the presidents picture, with the inscription, "Stand by the President." The High School band played the patriotic airs while Old Glory was thrown on the screen. The audience then rose and sang America with John Haworth as leader and Mrs. W. R. Sellick at the piano.

Mayor Glenn Warner officiated as chairman of the evening, and in a few well chosen words introduced the first speaker Colonel E. M. Irish, who was followed by Hon. Dallas Boudeman both of Kalamazoo. Both addresses were listened to with intense interest, and they were frequently interrupted by applause. Messrs Blaine Warner, Robert Dillon and John Haworth then sang "My boy will be a soldier when he's needed." The words and music of this song were written by Mr. Boudeman, speaker of the evening.

The closing address was made by our own Olivia J. C. Woodman, and with all due respect and deference to our distinguished guests, her address was the crowning feature of the great meeting. She dealt with "Woman in the War" and paid glowing tribute to the many valorous deeds of members of her sex throughout the years that have passed and gone. The sentiment conveyed throughout her address was "That while woman had hoped and prayed that the United States might be kept out of this dreadful conflict; yet if war must come to maintain the honor dignity and liberty which is our heritage, woman's heart will beat as true and loyal; she will make just as many sacrifices, and do her duty what ever it may be just as faithfully as man."

The audience sang the Battle Hymn of the Republic, and the Star Spangled Banner, and the great meeting was closed and everyone in the audience taking the following pledge to the flag.

"I Pledge Allegiance to my Flag, and to the Country for which it stands I pledge my head, my heart, to God and my Country. One Country, one language and one Flag."

## JOHN YOUNG LEAVES, MAIL SERVICE, IS GOING SOUTH.

John Young, rural mail carrier on route No. 5 from the Paw Paw office for the past twelve years made his last trip on the route last Tuesday. He will leave with his family next week for Lynchburg, Virginia, where he expects to make his future home. He has a three hundred acre farm there and is anxious to get to work on it. Mr. Young has been a faithful employee of Uncle Sam. Sunshine and storm, deep snow or bare roads have all looked alike to him during all these years of service. He leaves a host of friends not only among the patrons on the route, but everywhere in the community, who regret his decision to leave Paw Paw. The True Northerner joins with them however in best wishes for him and his in the new home. Substitute carrier Mrs. Clara Haydon will serve the patrons of Route 5 until a regular carrier has been appointed.

## COUNTRY CLUB ENJOY THE DAY AT JOHN WOODMAN'S.

A jolly bunch of farmers and wives conveyed by glittering autos appeared informally at the home of John Woodman on Saturday last, at eleven A. M. Although the day was cold and cloudy with the shadows of war hovering o'er them, friendly conversation shortened the time until the noon hour, when partners were chosen for dinner. The feast carefully prepared by the host and hostess, assisted by the committee Mr. and Mrs. Arley Lyle and Mr. and Mrs. Tom Woodman was one not easily forgotten. The decorations of sweet peas and American flags added to the charm of the occasion. After another hour of friendly relaxation, the meeting was called to order by the president, and the hour was pleasantly and profitably spent in the discussion of the following subjects: Immediate hired help, by Earl Bangs, Tar treatment of fence posts, by Carl Buskirk; How to reduce high cost of living, by Mrs. Lola Buskirk followed by discussion. The meeting was concluded by a general talk by County Agent Farrand. Well selected piano music cheered the members as they were about to leave for their homes to meet again on June fifth.

## GIRL WINS COLLEGE EDUCATION BY OWN EFFORTS.

We are pleased to chronicle the success of another one of the young people of Paw Paw, this time a young lady, Miss Nina V. Salisbury, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Salisbury. Miss Nina will graduate from the U. of M. in June. She is a member of the Choral Union of the college and has accepted a position as County Normal Principal in the public schools at Ithaca, Michigan. She will start in on her new duties about the first of next September. Like some of the Paw Paw boys who are making good, Miss Salisbury has almost entirely financed her way through the University. For the past two summers she has solicited Life Insurance, and earned money to continue her course of study. She has often said that "If they only knew, many a poor but ambitious young person could if they had the ambition earn their way, and get the long sought for education." We congratulate the young lady on her pluck.

## RURAL CARRIER EXAMINATION FOR VAN BUREN CO.

The United States Civil Service Commission has announced an examination for the County of Van Buren, Michigan, to be held at South Haven and Paw Paw, on May 26, 1917, to fill the position of rural carrier Grand Junction, and vacancies that may later occur on rural routes from other post-offices in the above mentioned county. The examination will be open only to male citizens who are actually domiciled in the territory of a post-office in the county and who meet the other requirements set forth in Form No. 1977. This form and application blanks may be obtained from the offices mentioned above or from the United States Civil Service Commission at Washington, D. C. Applications should be forwarded to the Commission at Washington at the earliest practicable date.

## PRATER ENTERS EMPLOY OF NORTH AMERICAN FRUIT EX.

G. E. Prater Jr. of the Wolverine co-operative company has entered the employ of the North American Fruit Exchange, and will leave for New York city tomorrow. He will market the products of the Mississippi Vegetable Growers Association, and will spend a week in getting acquainted with the big markets.

Mr. Prater will not give up his interest and management of the Wolverine company, but will be back on the job about the first of July. He states that he will market the Berrien county grapes this year in connection with the Wolverine produce and anticipates the biggest year in the history of the company.

Mrs. LaRue Chappell entertained at Bridge Whist last Saturday afternoon. Four tables were in evidence and at the close of a pleasant afternoon lunch was served by the hostess and the first prize awarded to Miss Irene Lane and consolation prize to Mrs. Ruth Stevenson of Detroit.

## Mothers' Day Proclamation

By the Governor

Governor Albert E. Sleeper pays a beautiful tribute to motherhood, and urges the people of Michigan to properly observe Mothers' Day Sunday May 13th, 1917.

Our American civilization is built around the home. The heart of the home is the mother. What is there in all the realm of Art that stands higher, more commanding, more beautiful, than a simple, refined, gracious woman in her household; a woman who is worshipped by her children, beloved by her husband and rules in her home by sweetness, by gentleness, by self-denial, by love? The mothers of the land are engaged in the noblest of all callings, the rearing of their sons and daughters to take their place as useful members of society.

As we, whose mothers have left us, look back through the years, how sweet and precious is the memory of the mother in the old home. All her life was a beautiful life. It ran like a rill down the hill-side and sang all the time. It was like flowers that know no summer and no winter. The memory of it kindles in us still the supremest affection and arouses the finest enthusiasm of our hearts.

Therefore, that we may pay a special tribute of affection to the mothers who still live and honor the memory of the mothers who have gone from us, I, Albert E. Sleeper, Governor of the State of Michigan, do hereby designate and set aside

Sunday, May Thirteenth, as Mothers' Day;

and I call upon our people both young and old to gather in their several places of worship, and take part in services appropriate to the day and, by the wearing of a red flower for the living mother and a white for the dear departed, to symbolize their love and reverence for the mothers of the nation.

In accordance with a resolution of the Congress of the United States, I further request the people of Michigan, on the day aforesaid to display the United States flag in their homes and in other suitable places, as a fitting expression to their desire to pay homage to American motherhood.

## WHAT THE HEADLINES SAY

Headlines Clipped from the Metropolitan Dailies just as we go to Press

Lansing Warns of U-Boat Peril; America told it must decide result of war. Three cabinet members say this nation will bear the brunt of the struggle.

Bitter attack on Wilson in the Reichstag; Leader says the President seeks to divide the German people.

States a Unit to give Nation Solid Support; Wilson outlines task Delegates eager to get to work.

Armed United States Ship Sunk by U-Boat; 16 are missing. Rockingham is victim; More survivors of Vacuum landed.

Bread Strike ended by U. S. Intervention; Ignore Teutonic influence in Parley; Both sides win points.

Bills May give full power on Price of Food; Efforts made to include cotton in products to be controlled.

Thirty Million dollars each day cost of British War; Bonar Law says ten and one half million are needed for one year.

Real Taste of War for men in Training Camps; Coming preparations to be anything but child's play.

Aily wounded beg U. S. Aid; 100,000 lying in fields of France in need of medical attention. Base Hospitals here prepare to leave. Cleveland Unit and five others will start for duty across Atlantic in a few days.

Prominent Michigan men will organize state for Red Cross; Frederick W. Stevens of Detroit and Mark T. McKee also of Detroit will organize the entire state of Michigan for the Red Cross.

United States will close Camps to vice; War Department will decree ban on all rum and woman; Dr. Vaughan of Medical service says "Zone will be wide and effective."

## FORD SCOTT PAW PAW BOY LAID TO REST IN KEELER.

Ford Scott, son of John Scott died at the home of his father in Paw Paw on April 25th. He was born on November 7th, 1888 in Paw Paw and has spent his entire life in this vicinity. He leaves besides his father and sister Pauline of Paw Paw, one sister Mrs. R. C. Morris of Keeler, Mrs. Stephen H. Wattles and Mrs. Thoris R. Brownbridge of Kalamazoo and one brother Maxwell of Tulsa, Oklahoma. The funeral services were held in Keeler Rev. Wright officiating. Interment was beside his mother in the family lot at Keeler.

## ANNUAL TAX SALES DREW GOOD CROWD ON TUESDAY.

The annual tax sales were held at the Treasurer's office last Tuesday. A fair attendance of bidders from all over the county was present, and Treasurer Duncombe reports the sale of about \$1,700 worth of property. This is about \$1,000 less than were sold last year. About the same amount of property was advertised as last year, but more people came in, paid the taxes and redeemed their property than last year. Practically all the property advertised was sold. Just a few pieces of little value were left. These will revert to the state.

## BAND IS PLANNING SERIES OF FIVE STREET CONCERTS.

The High School band desire to express through the columns of The True Northerner their gratitude and appreciation to Merle H. Young, H. A. Sherman, Blaine Warner, A. W. Showerman and H. L. McNeil for their generosity in furnishing automobiles to carry the boys to Kalamazoo several weeks ago. These gentlemen deserve a good share of the credit the band feels, for offering their services without compensation at the Kalamazoo Patriotic rally.

The band is now planning a series of five concerts this Spring to be given on Wednesday nights, each concert to be given at a different point on Main street. The boys are asking all who are interested in their progress to subscribe some amount for each concert. The band needs money for running expenses and for future contingencies necessary to the operation of a successful band. The boys have been practicing all winter faithfully under the direction of their efficient instructor, Prof. Gottheimer and are now ready with a number of fine programs. Surely Paw Paw will subscribe liberally in appreciation of what the boys have done in the past, and in anticipation of the fine concerts to come later.

## ONLY ONE MOVIE SHOW FOR PAW PAW. DECKER SELLS OUT.

Announcement was made through the press last week that the old Idle Hour theatre on Main street would soon open, and at that time it was supposed that Paw Paw would again have two rival movie shows. Not so however. Manager Decker has sold the Opera House Movie to Mr. Reeves and Tuesday night was his last night in the movie business. Mr. Decker has worked hard and done his best to give the Paw Paw patrons the best features on the market. He desires to express through these columns his gratitude for the loyalty and patronage of the people of this community. His good will goes with the business to Mr. Reeves who will soon open the Main street show. He is an experienced man in the business and promises the Paw Paw people the best in the movie features. A force of men have been at work for some time getting the place in readiness and we bespeak for Mr. Reeves the success which his show will merit.

## PATRIOTIC WINDOW OF FIRE ARMS AND WAR IMPLEMENTS.

The east window of the Paw Paw Drug Co. store is attracting considerable attention. It is draped with the stars and stripes, and filled with old fire arms of every kind and description. Sabers, swords and other implements of war are also there. One feature is a wedding coat of revolutionary days. It is home spun grey, lined of pure linen and adorned with brass buttons. The coat is probably about a hundred and seventy-five years old. Any of the readers of The True Northerner who have any old army relics that would add interest to the display would confer a favor to the Paw Paw Drug Company and also to the community by loaning the same for the collection, which will probably be kept in the window until after Decoration day at least.

## PLENTY OF ROOM YET AT MILITARY TRAINING CAMP.

It has been rumored that many more applications have been received at the Military Training camp at Fort Sheridan than were wanted. This is not true according to advices received by Frank Miller, chairman of the local committee. There is yet room for many more and those who would like the training with a view of receiving officers commissions are urged to send in their applications. The headquarters are urging older men to apply for admission. Men are wanted up to forty-four years of age. Mr. Miller is also advised that the Army Appropriation bill provides all expenses and \$100.00 per month for officers training camp students, and full pay according to rank for all those recommended for officers commissions.

Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Richmond have returned from Peoria, Illinois where they have been spending the winter. Mrs. Richmond is convalescing from a serious illness, having been in the hospital for four weeks under the care of special nurses. Her Paw Paw friends are hoping for a speedy and complete restoration to health.

## NO SLACKERS IN OLD VAN BUREN

SAME NUMBER OF MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED IN 3 MONTHS AS SAME MONTHS LAST YEAR.

## RUSH FOR NATURALIZATION

More Declarations Filed in Three Months Than During All of Last Year. German Subjects Pre dominate.

Much is said in the papers of the land about the so-called "Slackers", in other words young men who flock to the clerk's office for marriage licenses, in the hopes of avoiding service in the army. We are inclined to think that these reports are exaggerated, at least there are no "slackers" in Van Buren county as the records of the county clerk's office will testify. Further than we know of at least one young man whose wedding day was set, and instead of hastening the day, he has deferred it until after the war, and has already taken steps to receive military training preparatory to enlistment. Such, we believe, is the spirit of young men everywhere, and while fond mothers cannot keep back the tears when she bids her boy good bye, down in her heart she is proud of him, and she rejoices through the tears that her son is no "slacker."

The number of marriage licenses issued in Van Buren county in February 1916 was fourteen; March eighteen and April, twenty. Total for the three months fifty-two.

The number issued in February of this year was eleven; March twenty-three; April, eighteen. Total for the three months fifty-two. The same number were issued then during those three months as were issued during the corresponding months of last year. Verily there are no "slackers" in Van Buren county.

There is a noticeable difference however during the two years in the number of applications for naturalization. During the entire year of 1916 there were fourteen declarations or first papers filed, while during the first four months of the present year thirty-two have been filed. An excess of eighteen over the entire year of 1916.

Of the thirty-two declarations filed during the past four months, nineteen were subjects of Germany.

The number of petitions for Naturalization, filed during the entire year of 1916 were nine, while the total number filed during the past four months is thirteen.

These statistics show that there is a marked tendency on the part of foreign born citizens, now at their native countries are at war, to declare their allegiance to the country and the flag whose protection they now claim.

## GRANT MCFARLAND JOINS ARMY BUT IS REJECTED.

Grant McFarland was the first of the Paw Paw boys to enlist in the service. He passed examination in Kalamazoo and again at the recruiting office in Grand Rapids. He was assigned to the Coast Guard service, and sent to the barracks at Columbus, Ohio, for training. A telegram received by his father Wednesday however said that he had been rejected by the examining officer there, and was on his way home. We understand that a slight defect in eyesight caused his rejection.

## A MEMORIAL SERVICE.

The late Florence Butler who was a member of the Paw Paw Methodist church for forty years and who faithfully served as organist nearly all of that time, besides being connected with other activities of the church, bequeathed to that society an amount which was found to be adequate to cover the cost of the beautiful frescoing which has been done to our church, and which will remain as a memorial to her.

In recognition to her beautiful gift and of her life long faithful service to the church an appropriate Memorial service will be held in her honor at the Methodist church next Sunday morning.